



# Meeting Summary

**Thursday September 22, 2005**

Drake Conference Center  
151 West Galbraith Road  
Meeting Room D  
8:30 AM–10:00 AM

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**PARTICIPANTS:** Jack Cameron, Evendale  
Richard Ellison, Elmwood Place  
Bill Kocher, Mt. Healthy  
Jenny Kilgore, Glendale  
Adam Goetzman, Green Township  
Bob Richardson, KZF Design  
Mike Hinnenkamp, Springfield Township  
Mark Wendling, Silverton  
Chris Gilbert, Springfield Township  
Chuck Kamine, Amberley Village  
Tom Moeller, Madeira  
Gary Blomberg, Montgomery

Andy Dobson, HCRPC  
Ron Miller, HCRPC  
Brandon Holmes, HCRPC

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- AGENDA ITEMS:**
1. Proposal to amend FSC-SW bylaws
  2. Review and vote on Policy for Approval of Reports, Actions, and Endorsements
  3. Issue 2/Third Frontier endorsement discussion
  4. RPC staff project updates on strategic plans
  5. Other business

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**DISCUSSION:** (conclusions and decisions) Richard Ellison from Elmwood Place said that the village will join FSC-SW soon. Adam Goetzman indicated that Green Township will also join.

## **Proposal to Amend Bylaws**

Gary led a discussion of the proposal to amend the bylaws to give the Executive Committee more decision-making authority. The work FSC-SW has to do will be accomplished by smaller committees, and the full board membership does not meet in quorum often enough to keep the organization moving ahead. Gary drew an analogy to how municipal governments work, with committees and departments reporting back to the larger council group.

Mike Hinnenkamp added that FSC-SW does not have a lot of steam right now, and it either needs to do something or dissolve. He recommends the bylaw

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revision, tightening membership requirements to include only communities that actively participate, and having full membership meetings quarterly instead of monthly.

Jack Cameron added that the Mill Creek Watershed Council of Communities has a similar arrangement to what is proposed here and it seems to work well.

MOTION: to draft revised bylaws for Executive Committee review and Board vote giving the Executive Committee decision-making authority

MOVED: Hinnenkamp

SECOND: Moeller

VOTE : Approved unanimously

### **Review and vote on Policy for Approval of Reports, Actions, and Endorsements**

Chuck Kamine explained the provisions of the review and voting policy. Essentially, items for Executive Committee review and Board consideration have to be submitted and distributed to all members in advance of a regularly-scheduled meeting in order to not surprise anyone with a vote. This item was discussed at the August Board meeting but was not voted on because of a lack of a quorum.

MOTION: To approve the *Policy for Approval of Reports, Actions, and Endorsements*

MOVED: Kamine

SECOND: Moeller

DISCUSSION: Jack Cameron suggested that sections describing an “applicant” be changed to “a member” or “member community”. The motion was revised to accept this suggestion.

VOTE: Approved unanimously

### **Issue 1/Third Frontier endorsement discussion**

Issue 1 is a state ballot initiative to reauthorize and re-fund the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) funds. This is a \$2 billion bond issue for local capital improvement projects. SCIP funds are a vital part of local budgets, and FSC-SW should consider officially supporting its renewal.

Included in Issue 1 is \$500 million for technology development and marketing which was previously presented to voters as the Third Frontier Initiative. That referendum resulted in Third Frontier’s defeat, but the program is now integrated into the SCIP fund.

There is some controversy over the integration of the technology initiative funds with Issue 1. Some communities also have problems with the formula used to distribute SCIP funds among jurisdictions. Nevertheless, SCIP funds are absolutely necessary for local communities. Jack Cameron recommended that FSC-SW put its full support behind Issue 1. There was discussion that the UC Genome Research Center could bring some technology development funds to Hamilton County.

MOTION: For FSC-SW to register formal support of Issue 1

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MOVED: Moeller  
SECOND: Hinnenkamp  
VOTE Approved unanimously

Gary and Andy will draft a letter and forward it to the County Engineer. They are collecting letters of support for transmittal to the General Assembly.

**RPC staff project updates on strategic plans**

Ron Miller presented the recently-completed *Inventory of Shared Public Service Delivery* report. Andy updated the group on several tasks Staff is working on including talking with Downtown Ohio Inc. regarding a Main Street program for first suburbs, working with Mike Hinnenkamp to expand on the development fund idea, and helping Indraneel Kumar with his Safe Routes to School project.

**Other Business**

The Board decided to skip the scheduled October meeting. The next meeting will be Monday November 14, 2005.

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